

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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Committee Meeting Date: April 11, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: April 27, 2022
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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Cummings to adopt the consent agenda.



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District(s), Member(s): District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)

Policy/Legal Reference: FM14-1 Procurement Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / METRO Gold Line Project Office

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Background

In 2020, the Council and SPRWS entered into a Master Funding Agreement (#191069) to establish a framework for interagency funding transfers. All requirements of the MFA will be incorporated into this SFA.

The Council completed design of this work under SFA #1 (#191069-A). This work will be delivered by the Gold Line’s construction contractor as concurrent non-project activity (CNPA) and fully funded by SPRWS independent from the base project. This SFA transfers up to \$958,609.16 from SPRW to the Council to remove and reconstruct water main and new water service connection located along Hudson Road within the Gold Line corridor.

SFA #2 also provides funding from SPRWS to cover the Council’s construction management costs.

Rationale

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$500,00 be approved by the Council.

Executing this SFA #2 allows SPRWS to have this work completed concurrent with the Gold Line which benefits Council and SPRWS by realizing cost savings and avoiding the need to coordinate different contractors working in the same area. The Gold Line design and construction plans include the work to be funded under this SFA #2, and the Council would incur additional costs to remove that scope if this agreement is not executed.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options will advance the Thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The Gold Line project advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

No impacts to the Gold Line budget. All funding under this agreement will be provided by SPRWS.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct subcontracting opportunities associated with this agreement, however, local work constructed for SPRWS as part of the Gold Line, will include small business sub-contracting goals.

